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Good morning:

I read with interest and with some anxiety the proposed changes to the child support manual. The area of particular concern is the new "shared economic responsibility" based on 52 overnights per year.

As a noncustodial parent who has experienced problems related to parenting time (withheld visitation), I am concerned that linking child support to the number of overnight visits, WITHOUT STRICT AND APPROPRIATE COURT ENFORCEMENT OF PARENTING TIME, will result in an increase in visitation problems.

I believe that child support collection rates will improve if the courts will enforce parenting time orders as zealously as child support collection. Many parents equate economic investment with time investment - "time is money."

Also, as a "client" of the Genesee County Friend of the Court system, I would also like to see more communication coming from the office (e.g., updates and payment records). I have also found that large amounts of my support payments (as much as half) are being withheld for "Friend of the Court fees."

Thank you for your time,
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